

In regard to gravelling and improving the Haripad—Veeyapuram road, it will be referred to the Road Board.

In regard to your ninth point, I shall call for an estimate from the Chief Engineer and consider it.

As regards the public tanks, the President of the Municipality also refers to five tanks which, if improved, will be of use to the depressed classes. I shall await a resolution of the Council and a formal communication to Government before I take any action upon that.

As regards the Haripad-Elanjimel road, action has been taken and I shall see that it is expedited.]

101. Needs of the Mavelikara town.

MR. P. M. ABRAHAM (*Municipal Council, Mavelikara*) spoke on the following needs of the Mavelikara town :

The District Hospital at Mavelikara was a very popular institution. 42,000 persons, among whom were 15,000 women, sought medical aid in the institution last year. The number of confinement cases was 200. There were no women doctors in any of the medical institutions in central Travancore, except at Quilon and Kottayam. As there were only a Deputy Surgeon and two Assistants in the Mavelikara hospital and they were often cited as witnesses in medico-legal cases, patients were not properly attended to. A woman doctor and an additional assistant should therefore be appointed in the hospital. A maternity ward should also be opened in the institution.

Some liquor shops were located close to churches, temples, schools and other places of public resort situated within the Mavelikara town. That the sale of liquor in the shops was only nominal was proof positive that the inhabitants of the town did not feel the need for their continuance. The shops should therefore be abolished at the commencement of the 1106-07 contract.

An estimate for constructing a bridge at Arattukadavu was sanctioned about the year 1102. But the work had not yet been taken in hand. The bridge, which was very important and useful to the public, should be constructed in 1106.

There was a canal, a furlong in length, between Arattukadavu and Mitchell culvert, which was of immense use to traders. It was so silted up that canoes could not be taken through it to the above-said culvert during summer months. The silt could be removed at a cost of about Rs. 3,000. Instructions should be issued in the matter.

The condition of the main road in the Mavelikara town, from Painamuda to Tattarambalam, where there was constant motor traffic, was every deplorable. There were markets, schools and other places of public resort on either side of the road. The road should be gravelled and rendered fit for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

It was decided several years ago that a building should be constructed at Puthiakavu for locating a girl's school and an extent of one

acre of land was acquired therefor in the heart of the town. When the construction was started, Déwan Mr. Raghaviah ordered that the building should be utilised for holding the public offices at Mavelikara. But it was rumoured that the building, when completed, would be utilised for holding the girls' school. There was no necessity for the school at Puthiakavu as there was a girls' school at Mavelikara. The public offices will enhance the beauty of the town and its status. The aforesaid site should be utilised for constructing a building for the public offices which were held in rented buildings, the annual expenditure on account of rent being Rs. 2,124.

Two more groynes should be constructed at Prayikara for drainage purposes.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abraham, നിങ്ങളുടെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ പായിൻറ മാവേലിക്കര ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ഒരു ലേഡിഡാക്ടറെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നും ഒരു മറോണിററിവാർഡ് (maternity ward) ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നുമാണ്. ലേഡിഡാക്ടർമാരെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ഗവണ്മെൻറ ആലോചിച്ചുവരികയാണ്. അതിൻറ തീരുമാനം ഉണ്ടാകുമ്പോൾ മറോണിററിവാർഡ് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന സംഗതിയും തീരുമാനിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

രണ്ടാമത്തെ പായിൻറ റൗണിൽനിന്നും മദ്യപ്പാപ്പകളെ മാറ്റണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ഇതിനുമുമ്പിൽ ഒരു നിവേദനത്തിനു ഞാൻ മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ആറാട്ടുകടവിൽ പാലംകെട്ടുന്നതിനു ഒരു എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ൧൧൦൩ ലെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ചേർത്തു വേല ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

MEMBER: ഈ ആണ്ടത്തെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ൧൦,൦൦൦ രൂപ അനുവദിച്ചിരുന്നതു പിൻവലിക്കയാണുണ്ടായതു.

DEWAN : അതേ; ൧൧൦൩ ലെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ചേർക്കണമെന്നു ഞങ്ങളേ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നതു്.

ആറാട്ടുകടവിൽനിന്നും ഉള്ള തോടിനെ കുഴിക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞ ഭാഗം റോഡ് ബോർഡിലേക്കു അയക്കാം.

പയിനമ്മൂട്ടിൽനിന്നും തട്ടാരമ്പലം വരെയുള്ള റോഡ് മൊറൽ ചെയ്യണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞ ഭാഗവും റോഡുബോർഡിലെ ആലോചനയ്ക്കു അയക്കാം.

ഒടുവിലത്തെ പായിൻറ മാവേലിക്കരയുള്ള പബ്ലിക് ആഫീസുകൾ എല്ലാം ഇടുന്നതിനു ഒരു കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. സൗകര്യമായ് കെട്ടിടം വാടകയ്ക്കു കിട്ടുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പലിയ സംഖ്യ

ചിലവുചെയ്തു ഭംഗിക്കുവേണ്ടി അല്ലെങ്കിൽ നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ താലൂക്കിന്റെ അഭിമാനത്തിനുവേണ്ടി വലിയകെട്ടിടം ഉടനെ കെട്ടുന്ന മെന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

ഡ്രയിനേജിനെപ്പറ്റി നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അനേകം നടത്താം.

[The question of appointing a lady doctor in the Mavelikara hospital is engaging the attention of Government. The question of opening a maternity ward will be decided along with that of appointing a lady doctor.]

In regard to the removal of liquor shops from the town limits, a reply has already been given to a similar representation.

An estimate has been sanctioned for the construction of a bridge at Arattukadavu and the necessary funds for the work will be provided in the Budget for 1106.

The points relating to the deepening of the canal starting from the Arattukadavu and to the metalling of the road from Painammoodu to Tattarambalam will be referred to the Road Board.

In regard to the construction of Government buildings for housing the public offices, the Government do not propose, for ornament or dignity, to invest large amounts for this purpose especially in places where convenient buildings are available for hire.

The last point about drainage will be enquired into.]

102. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

MR. K. I. VARGHESE MAPPILLAI (*Mavelikara taluk*) said that thousands of people daily crossed the Prayikara ferry situated on the Mavelikara-Thiruvella road. Though a sum of Rs. 5,000 was provided in the budget for 1104 for constructing a bridge at the place it was not utilised. The amount of Rs. 10,000 provided in the budget for 1105 for the work was also about to lapse. The work should be started in 1105 and funds provided in the budget for the succeeding year for the completion of the work.

A bridge should be constructed at Kollakadavu on the Mavelikara-Chenganur road and the road from Puliyur, near Kollakadavu, to Chenganur should be improved. The distance from Mavelikara to Chenganur was only 8 miles by this route; but people preferred the alternative route, which was 20 miles long, as there were no ferries on it.

A canal was opened seven years ago at Parayankari in the Trip-perumtura *pakuthi* for irrigating the Chennithala *punja* fields. For the recovery of the amount so spent, Government were considering the desirability of including the work among 'Major Irrigation works' and levying a water cess on the owners of the *punjapadams* near the canal. But, it was because the Government were convinced that the